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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
VOLUME ADJUSTMENT OF  
INTRAGASTRIC BALLOONS

Irvine, California

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants provide with regard to the above-identified patent application entitled, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VOLUME ADJUSTMENT OF INTRAGASTRIC BALLOONS one copy of documents of which they are aware, which may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which there may be a duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A listing of the documents submitted is set forth on the attached 1 page Information Disclosure Citation (Form PTO/SB/08A).

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Respectfully submitted,

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